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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
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#### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 June 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \*    c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)                     | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)           |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____                                      |
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**DETAILED ACTION**

1. Receipt of the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed 10/02/2008.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lebda et al (US 6,385,594) in view of provisional Application 60/190,825 (hereinafter '825).

The claims in reference to Lebda have been all previously addressed in the office action mailed February 07, 2005.

Lebda fails to disclose,

The request to apply is for a plurality of products, and specific information is required to be submitted to apply for each one of the products;

each page is assembled over the network from documents contains at least one field corresponding to the specific information required to apply for one of the products.

The fields displayed by a plurality of documents are specific information required to be submitted to apply for each one of a plurality of products.

The applicant has asserted that '825 does not support the above teaching, particularly that '825 does not support the teaching of credit analysis that differs as a function of the item for

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which the loan is sought (see Substitute Brief, page 12). The examiner disagrees the applicant's narrow interpretation of the provisional invention. It is submitted that the AutoAfford platform precisely teaches credit analysis that differs as a function of the item for which the loan is sought because it provides "real-time, multi (emphasis added) or single lender loan qualification." (see page 1, second paragraph). It is submitted that credit analysis is used as part of the screening process and provides the buyer with multiple lender choices. It is well known in the art, whether buying different types of cars or houses, that multiple lenders structure comparable (but different) loans based upon the consumers credit report. It is also submitted in relation to AutoAfford that the processing of pre-selected vehicles can represent a range of different type of vehicles or items associated with a vehicle. For example, there may be a difference between loan structure based upon a fully loaded vehicle and one that is not, or a Lexus and a Ford mustang. Thus it would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the applicant's invention was made to combine the teachings of Lebda relating to presenting and accepting a credit application over a network to including the teachings of '825 because for the potentially different types of credit wherein affordability would be a factor for structuring various types of credit.

### ***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to DANIEL S. FELTEN whose telephone number is (571)272-6742. The examiner can normally be reached on Flex.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thomas Dixon can be reached on (571) 272-6803. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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